

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification in accordance with the following:

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### **The paragraph beginning at line 34 on page 10:**

Next, as shown in Fig. 7, when the user has made an application for a service to the service provision site 6 of the service B, the service provision site 6 receives individual information in a similar manner to that of the service A, and applies for registration to the integrated membership management center 7. Upon receiving this application, the integrated membership management center 7 searches the database 10 to see whether the individual information obtained by the service provision site 6 is in the database 10 or not. When the individual information of the person concerned coincides with the membership information in the database 10, this membership information can also be utilized in the service B. Therefore, this database 10 is rewritten. Next, the ~~service provision site 6~~database 10 returns the user ID that has been used in the service A to the service provision site 6.

### **The paragraph beginning at line 19 on page 12:**

Fig. 9 is a flowchart for explaining the flow of a service provision at a service provision site, that is, a processing for identifying a membership. Referring to Fig. 9, at step S71, a service provision site obtains a user ID and a password from a user. At step S72, the service provision site inquires the ~~database 8 or 9 of the service provision site into~~integrated membership management center 7 for the user ID and the password. When a result of the inquiry is not normal at step S73, that is when the user ID and the password do not exist in the ~~database 8 or 9 held by the service provision site~~10 held by the integrated membership center 7, an error message is displayed at step S74, and the process returns to step S71. When the input user ID and password coincide with the information within the database ~~8 or 9~~10, a decision is made that it is possible to provide the service at step S75.